

# Be Smart When Choosing “Used”

*There are many good reasons to choose used products when caring for children – they save money and help recycle. However, many products are recalled because they can injure or kill children. Many are still being used or are sold at yard sales and resale shops. Check with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for recalls before choosing used items.*



**Go to [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) or call 1-800-638-2772**

## **Watch out for these items:**

- Old Cribs: Slats too far apart can trap little heads. Corner posts and other decorations can catch on clothes and strangle babies.
- Portable Cribs/Play Yards: Children have suffocated when they have been caught in collapsed play yards including those made by Playskool, Draco, Evenflo, Century and Baby Trend.
- Lane Cedar Chests: Many of these made before 1987 have lids that lock by themselves and can trap children. The locks can be replaced and the chests used safely. Call Lane toll-free at (888) 856-8758. Toy chests may cause injuries, too.
- Window Blind Cords: Those sold before 2000 may strangle children. To get a free fix-it kit, call the Window Covering Safety Council at
- Used Car Seats: No car seat should be used if it has been in a crash that caused injuries. So, don't use a seat if you don't know its history!

**Many other products have been recalled –  
bunk beds, mini-hammocks and lots of toys.  
Contact the CPSC if you have any concerns.  
Or call Safe Kids New Hampshire at 1-877-783-0432.**



For more Fact Sheets please go to [www.ParentHelpNH.org](http://www.ParentHelpNH.org)

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